GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR EAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared any Annual Action Plan for the Employment Assurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, especially in respect of Maharashtra;

(c) whether any new guidelines have been issued to States under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the date on which the first instalment of funds for the year 2001-2002 was released to States under the scheme, particularly in respect of Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) & (b) According to the Guidelines of the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), the responsibility of preparation of the Annual Action Plan of the works to be taken up is that of the Zila Parishad. Such details are not available at the Central level.

(c) & (d) The EAS & the JGSY have been merged with the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) which was launched or September 25, 2001. However, the EAS and the JGSY will continue as a part of the SGRY for the current yearUnder the new Scheme of the SGRY, 50 lakh tonnes of foodgrains amounting to Rs. 5000 crores (at economic cost) will be provided every year, free of cost, to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.The remaining funds (Rs. 5000 crores) will be utilized, to meet the cash component of wages and the material cost. The payment of foodgrains will be made by the Ministry of Rural Development to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) directly.About 100 crores mandays of employment are envisaged to be generated every year in the rural areas through the SGRY. The instructions for the current year have already been issued.

(e) The 1st instalment under the EAS is normally released to the eligible districts as soon as the funds become available under the Scheme. In case of Maharashtra, funds were released to 23 eligible districts on 30th April 2001 and to 5 districts on submission of proposals by 17.9.2001. For Ratnagiri District, on receipt of fresh proposal recently from the district, the matter is under consideration.